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1. Although an undated telegram of congratulations on the sixth anniversary of the liberation of Czechoslovakia sent by Georg Dertinger, the East German Foreign Minister, to Viliam Široký, the Czech Foreign Minister, was read over the Berlin radio station on 7 May 1951 and published in Neues Deutschland on 8 May in such a way as to imply that Dertinger was in Berlin, he was in fact in Prague at the time. He left for Prague early on 5 May, and had not returned by the evening of 7 May. He was not accompanied by any member of the Foreign Ministry.

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Comment: It is possible that the Prague meeting will result in a "spontaneous" resolution for plebiscites in all the satellite states against rearmament of West Germany.

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